

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claim 1 (Previously Presented): An applicator comprising an application face comprising a material comprising cells,
wherein the material opens onto the application face via at least one emergent edge,
wherein the application face is at least partially covered by a flock coating,
wherein the flock coating comprises fibers,
wherein the majority of cells on the application face comprises partial cells,
wherein the partial cells comprise multiple surfaces that are not all parallel to each other,
and wherein the flock fibers are adhered to several of the multiple surfaces of at least some of the partial cells such that the flock fibers are not all parallel to each other.

Claim 2 (Previously Presented): The applicator of claim 1, wherein the material is porous.

Claim 3 (Previously Presented): The applicator of claim 1, wherein the material is elastically deformable.

Claim 4 (Previously Presented): The applicator of claim 1, wherein the material is compressible.

Claim 5 (Previously Presented): The applicator of claim 1, wherein the material is a foam.

Claim 6 (Previously Presented): The applicator of claim 5, wherein the foam is an open-cell foam.

Claim 7 (Previously Presented): The applicator of claim 5, wherein the foam comprises a material selected from the group consisting of polyurethane, polyether, polyester, polyvinyl chloride, polyethylene, EVA, latex, silicone, SIS, SEBS, elastomers of silicone, latex, nitrile, butyl, neoprene, NBR and SBR.

Claim 8 (Previously Presented): The applicator of claim 1, wherein the applicator is recessed.

Claim 9 (Previously Presented): The applicator of claim 1, further comprising two assembled cellular elements.

Claim 10 (Previously Presented): The applicator of claim 9, wherein the two elements define an inner cavity.

Claim 11 (Previously Presented): The applicator of claim 1, further comprising a slot or a hole emerging at the applicator surface.

Claim 12 (Previously Presented): The applicator of claim 1, wherein the material has hydrophilic or lipophilic properties.

Claim 13 (Previously Presented): The applicator of claim 1, wherein the material further comprises at least one hydro-absorbent compound.

Claim 14 (Currently Amended): The applicator of claim 1, [[,]] wherein the material further comprises at least one biocidal agent[[,]].

Claim 15 (Currently Amended): The applicator of claim 1, [[,]] wherein the length of the fibres ranges from 0.01 to 3 mm;

wherein the diameter of the fibers ranges from 0.01 to 0.6 mm; wherein the shape of the fibers is selected from the group consisting of circular, oval, polygonal, cruciform, trilobate, tetralobate “C”, “E”, “F”, “H”, “I”, “L”, “N”, “S”, “T”, “V”, “W”, “X”, “Y”, “Z”, star, crescent, straight, curved, and mixtures thereof, and wherein the fibers comprise a material selected from the group consisting of polyamide, polyacrylic, polyester, cotton, cellulose, or a mixture thereof.

Claim 16 (Previously Presented): A device comprising the applicator of claim 1 and a grasping element for the applicator.

Claim 17 (Previously Presented): The device of claim 16, further comprising a container comprising a product to be applied.

Claim 18 (Previously Presented): The device of claim 17, wherein the container constitutes the grasping element.

Claim 19 (Previously Presented): The device of claim 18, wherein the applicator is glued or welded around an opening in the container.

Claim 20 (Previously Presented): The device of claim 17, further comprising a closure element capable of closing the container.

Claim 21 (Currently Amended): The device of claim 20, wherein the applicator is integral with the closure element, and wherein the closure element comprises ~~the~~ a grasping element.

Claim 22 (Previously Presented): The applicator of claim 1, wherein each cell has a cell size greater than or equal to 0.6 mm.